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Mass times online on Facebook and at St. Cuthbert's each Sunday at 11am. Fr. Chris Hughes can be contacted on 257 5801 Our children, families and staff have gone the extra mile once again this week and

interconnected learning, experiences and discussions over the past year to show an understanding of the events around D-Day and what it means for us all. We have lots happening this half term and key dates are listed at the end of this newsletter, as always we will keep you up to date with what will be happening on Parentmail and through newsletters as well as live updates of what is happening on Twitter and Tapestry.



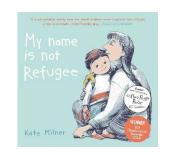
Congratulations to Year 3 who have won our attendance of the week stars trophy again with an excellent winning score of 99.3%- they will have an extra playtime next week! We work hard with families and partner agencies to make sure every child achieves the best attendance they can. Can we remind all families that we ask you to contact school when your child is absent from school for any reason at all. There is information about the impact of attendance and punctuality on your child's education available on our school website, you can find it on the Attendance and Term Dates page.

Class	%	
Reception	89.7	
Year 1	97.2	
Year 2	96.1	
Year 3 😋	99.3	
Year 4	94.7	
Year 5	95.0	
Year 6	93.1	
Whole school	95.0	

It has been brilliant seeing so many children take part in school clubs again this term. Our clubs are very important in helping our children's personal development by playing and being with children and staff from other classes, challenging themselves and celebrating their gifts and talents in other areas of school life. Thank you to our dedicated staff who give their time to make sure our clubs happen and to make sure we can provide all clubs free of charge to everyone.



Thank you everyone for supporting our children, staff and community by helping us bring the story of World War II to the children in an appropriate and exciting way. St. Cuthbert's families have once again been brilliant and creative in designing costumes for our D-Day picnic and building Anderson shelters, aeroplanes and for making our whole school collective worship focus area even better by loaning precious family items related to wars. Next week all our children will be



exploring what happens to children and families when they are forced to leave their homes due to conflict, climate change and many other factors, and they will be using the fantastic book My Name Is Not Refugee.





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Well done to our girls' football team who took part in the fixtures hosted by John Spence Community High School last week. Our team played brilliantly and even played against the John Spence year 7s team, losing 1-0 and making sure their opponents had to battle hard for their victory. Thank you to Miss Collings for coaching the team and making sure our teams are part of all the competitions taking place in North Tyneside and amongst our family of Catholic schools. It is a big commitment to be part of so many competitions across age groups every year but we



believe that all our children should have the opportunity to experience different sports and to be competitive. You will see from the key dates at the end of this newsletter that St. Cuthbert's will be involved in lots of different competitions before the end of the year and that we have been part of lots so far this year. If there is a competition taking place St. Cuthbert's are always there and it is the dedication and vision of our staff, the support of our families and our amazing children that make this happen.

We have lots of events and trips planned for the rest of the school year and families have been sent ParentMail messages and forms for some of them. If you have received a ParentMail form can you please make sure you complete and submit it as soon as you possibly can. By responding on time we can make sure our children have the best experiences and everything they need for each trip.







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around children's behaviour and welfare. We record incidents and concerns electronically on our CPOMS system and we work very closely with Clennell Education Solutions





to make sure all our staff are up to date with the best safeguarding training available and to provide leading professional advice when requested. This means that we have a broad picture of anything that is happening at school and, with your help, we can make sure any concerns are addressed quickly and do not escalate or lead to children or families falling out. If you have a concern that you feel needs attention immediately, and it is outside of normal school hours, you can contact the North Tyneside Safeguarding Team's Front Door service on 0345 2000 109 during office hours or 0330 333 7475 during the evening or at weekends. We work in partnership with the team and they will inform us at school of any referrals made to them during weekends, evenings, and holidays when school is closed. You can also find out more information about safeguarding in North Tyneside on their website and our school website.

Can we also remind all families that you must let us know who is collecting a child after school if you, the person who would normally do the collection, isn't? If you need to change arrangements at the last minute please phone the school office and let us know, this helps avoid asking the person who has come to collect the child waiting around unnecessarily and helps us ensure all our children are where they are supposed to be. If the person collecting your child is someone we don't know or haven't met often we may ask you for a word or phrase that they can repeat to us, therefore confirming who they are.

As a school St. Cuthbert's were involved in being part of the management committee that set up the **PACT** MumSpace group that runs in North Shields. MumSpace is a warm, welcoming, friendly group, for mothers run by



mothers. MumSpace is a charity run so free to join. Within the group, mums have half an hour of "their time" whilst the amazing volunteers look after the children. This space and time can be used to have a hot cup of coffee and a chat, talk to other mums alike, or invite outside organisations in to give advice, it's the mothers' space it's up to them to decide what to do with it. The group is for pregnant mums or mums with children up to the age of 4. MumSpace is run on a Thursday morning from St Cuthbert's Church from 9.30-11am or Tuesday afternoon 12.30-2pm at St Luke's Church in Wallsend on Frank Street just off the Metro station. For more information see their Facebook page = MumSpace North Tyneside or contact Wendy McConnell at 07950426786 or wendy.mcconnell@citizensuk.org As part of our work with PACT we are inviting families with children between the ages of 2 and 4 to join us for our Book Sharing Course which we are hosting at school with Wendy.

The sessions take place at school from 2.15pm- 3.15pm. We have run these sessions in the



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We are asking all families to make sure you pre-order your children's lunches as this is the only way to ensure they get what they want each lunchtime. All children who have a school lunch must pre-order- this includes children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 who are all entitled to free school meals through the Infant Free School meals scheme. Thank you once again to everyone who has signed up for your Appetite account and to everyone who is using it to pre-order children's school lunches. It is very, very important that you get your account set up as it allows you to see the menu for the coming weeks, including all the dietary and nutritional information you might want to see. No child will ever be left hungry and the staff in our kitchen know all our children well. If you have any questions about the new school meals system or menu, or need help with the app or using the Appetite service online, please get in touch with us at school.

We get lots of questions at school about keeping children safe online when they are away

from school. We have begun information posters from National Online Safety and these will be helpful as they provide up-to-date advice on how to manage different services and apps for children at home. The Think You Know website is also very useful for advice and information and you can find it by clicking the link below. The site is aimed at adults and the subjects are about keeping children safe online.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/



We would like to remind families that we have a no-jewellery policy for children at St. Cuthbert's, the only exceptions to this are that children can wear a watch and if they have their ears pierced they can wear a small stud- not hoops. Can you please make sure your child doesn't wear any jewellery to school, especially on their outdoor learning day when a few have started to wear chains, necklaces, or bracelets. Outdoor learning day clothes should be old clothes, suitable for the weather, that will get dirty and, most likely smell of smoke by the end of the day.

Can we please remind families that for all classes from reception through to year 6 the school day has a 'soft start' meaning that the school gates and doors will open at 8.40 am and children should go straight to their class when they come on to the playground from 8.40 am. The doors and gates then close at 8.55 am when all children should be in their class- anyone who arrives at school after 8.55 am should come to school through the main office. Children cannot wait alone on the playground or at school gates before 8.40 am as all staff are supervising gates, doors corridors and classrooms with teachers beginning their teaching at 8.40 am. Can we also remind everyone that no adults should be in the school building in the morning or at the end of the school day. If you need to speak to a class teacher you can contact them through Tapestry, phone the school office to make an appointment or pass on a message or catch them at the end of the school day once all children have been passed over to their families. Our school day ends at 3.25







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Thank you to everyone who is using Easyfundraising.

There are no catches to using the site, you don't need to share bank or payment details, just sign up and choose to support St. Cuthbert's. all you then need to do is search for your chosen store or seller on the easyfundraising site and



do your online shopping as normal. If you are booking a holiday, buying any insurance, changing internet suppliers, mobile phone providers, etc. online, and doing so through the site they make quite big donations to school! It's really easy to get set up and running, all you need to do is:

- 1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcuthbertsrcprimary/and join for free.
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will donate to St. Cuthbert's at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be grateful for your support and donations which will go towards all our children.

Thank you to everyone who has been using Tapestry, our keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk email, and school phone to keep in touch with school staff. Lines of communication must be kept as open and honest as possible between school and home as we work hard to keep our open-door policy and approach going by making so many ways to keep in touch available. As highlighted in the past we don't use Facebook or WhatsApp or any other social media apart from Twitter (which we don't use to answer questions), and we won't be setting up accounts on either medium. If you have any questions, or concerns, or need to chat with a member of staff at school please make sure you use one of three methods we have put in place:

- Message a member of staff on Tapestry with messages regarding work, arrangements for the school day for your child, etc. All staff have access to Tapestry.
- Email keepingintouch@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk. You should email this address if you want to discuss or inform of us anything that is more confidential. Emails to this address are only read by Mrs. Cottiss and Mr. Dillon. Please do not use this email for day-to-day things like questions about what is happening at school. We cannot guarantee that your question will be answered on time this will only happen by contacting the school office.
- Phone 0191 691 9876 and arrange an agreed time to chat with someone. Use the school phone number to advise us of absence from school, and for questions about day-to-day things. Phoning school during the school day remains the best way to get in touch.

If you have not yet activated your Tapestry account or if you are having trouble accessing it please let us know as soon as possible. Tapestry is one of the main ways we keep in touch with families and it is important that you can receive messages and posts from it even if you don't use it a lot yourself.

There has been a great deal of interest in our apprenticeships that have been advertised, you can find more information about the admin assistant roles on our school website.

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https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-cuthberts-rc-primary

We work continuously with all staff and children to keep children and everyone at St. Cuthbert's safe at all times. Our current Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy 2023/24 is on our school website, https://www.stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk/safeguarding and it outlines our approaches and policies to safeguarding throughout school. You will also find a copy of our safeguarding policy that we share with the children. It has been written to be accessible to the children and goes alongside all the work we do with them throughout the year. We teach safeguarding and staying safe through many different subjects and you will see the weekly online safety posters we add to every newsletter that we send out. Throughout the year we also have online safety lessons with all children and these range in topic from what to do if a child feels unsafe, how to create the best usernames and passwords and how to judge if the information you are reading or watching is genuine and accurate. We also hold online safety sessions for families each year to help you keep your children safe online at home. If you have any questions about safeguarding at St. Cuthbert's please get in touch by emailing keepingintouch@stcuthberts.email or speaking to Mr Dillon or Mrs Cottiss who you can find on the school playground at the start of each day or by phoning the school office.

Thank you for your amazing continued support, stay safe and God bless, Shaun Dillon







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Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

PE	
Day	Class
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 1
Thursday	Year 5, Year 3 and Year 6
Friday	Year 4

Work at the Roundhouse has now been completed and classes continue to use it throughout the week. As always, we have a timetable for outdoor learning but classes will take learning outdoors as often as they can throughout the week. Children should wear old clothes on their outdoor learning day, PE kit on PE day and school uniform on all other days.

Roundhouse/ Outdoor Learning Dates				
Nursery	(Tuesdays)			
Reception	(Tuesdays)			
Year 1	(Fridays)			
Year 2	(Fridays)			
Year 3	(Wednesdays)			
Year 4	(Wednesdays)			
Year 5	(Mondays)			
Year 6	(Mondays)			







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Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday 17 th June 2024	Morning	Year 3 swimming sessions begin and last 4 weeks	Hadrian Swimming Pool
Tuesday 18th June	Morning	Year 6 bus induction	School
Wednesday 19th June	Afternoon	Year 2 multi skills tournament	St. Thomas More
Wednesday 19th June	Afternoon	Philip Reilly Cup	St. Aidan's Catholic Primary School
Thursday 20th June	Afternoon	Year 6 transition event with St. Thomas More	St. Thomas More
Tuesday 25th June	All day	Year 6 at Primary Festival	Youth Village, Consett
Friday 28th June	All day	Year 5 and 6 trip to Great North Museum	Great North Museum
Monday 1 st July	All week	Sports Week	School and various venues
Monday 1st July	All week	St. Thomas More work experiences students in school	School
Tuesday 2 nd July	Morning	Sports Day	School
Tuesday 2 nd July	5pm	North Tyneside Summer Sing	Whitley Bay Playhouse
Wednesday 3 rd July	Morning	Year 1 Multi Skills Festival	The Parks Leisure Centre
Thursday 4th July	All day	General election- nursery classroom being used at polling station	School
Thursday 4th July	All day	Year 6 transition day	St. Thomas More
Friday 5th July	All day	Year 6 transition day	St. Thomas More
Monday 8th July	All day	Staff training day	
Thursday 11th July	1pm	Year 6 leavers' Mass with North Tyneside Catholic Schools	St. Columba's Catholic Church
Saturday 13th July	Morning	Mouth of The Tyne Festival	Tynemouth
Monday 15th July	Afternoon and after school	TBC: Whole school event- keep your diary free, we're waiting on final confirmation.	The Saville Exchange
Tuesday 16th July	2pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	School hall
Wednesday 17th July	9.30am	End-of-year Mass with our parish	St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church
Wednesday 17th July	After school	Year 6 Leavers' get together	School
Thursday 18th July	2.30pm	Whole school end of year collective worship giving thanks for our year together	School
Thursday 18 th July	3.25pm	Children break for summer holidays	
Friday 19th July	All day	Staff training day	school





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Do you want to improve your child's health?

Our 10 week programme supports you and your family to make healthy lifestyle changes together.

Interactive sessions are delivered by an expert and friendly team and focus on nutrition and physical activity to give you and your family a real boost.

The team delivers family programmes for two different age groups:

Ages 4-7 years old Ages 8-14 years old











- · Simple food swaps to reduce fat and sugar intake
- The right size portions for children and adults
- How to understand food labels and afford healthy options
- Opportunities to add run and play into your daily routine

Eligibility criteria applies, please ask for more details.

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